

Site Update

October 3, 2018

Maintenance & Operation Construction

DEQ is preparing for construction work at the Montana Pole & Treating Plant Site. The work will include removal of asphalt paving; concrete vaults, basins, and pads; outbuildings and other infrastructure that is no longer in use at the Site. The removals, to begin in November, will prepare the Site for future work.

Schedule:

- Bid Posted – October 1
- Bid Close – October 24
- Bid Award – Around October 31
- Notice to Proceed with Construction – Mid-November
- Construction Completion – Within 55 calendar days of Notice to Proceed

Explanation of Significant Difference

- The State of Montana, in consultation with EPA, has prepared an Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) document.
- Under Superfund law, an ESD must be submitted when there are changes to the cleanup plan established in a site's Record of Decision, or "ROD" – the legal document that establishes site-specific cleanup standards and strategies.
- The ESD has been submitted to EPA for review and concurrence.
- Once the review is complete, DEQ and EPA will hold a public meeting and a 30-day public comment period covering the facts of the ESD.
- A section for public comments and responses will be included in the proposed final ESD document.
- DEQ is committed to continued community outreach and seeking public input as we move forward with final remedial design, pending EPA's concurrence with the ESD.

Additional information on ESD documents and post-ROD changes can be found in Chapter 7 of this online EPA guidance document: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-02/documents/rod_guidance.pdf